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Re MUR 5926 – Republican Party of Minnesota et al

Dear Mr Jordan

This office represents the Republican Party of Minnesota ("RPM"), its Treasurer, Anthony Sutton, and its former Treasurer, Marina Taubenberger, in the above-captioned MUR. We have reviewed the Complaint filed on July 16, 2007, by Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington ("CREW") ("Complaint")

The Complaint contains three Counts. Count I alleges that RPM violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 as amended ("FECA") and Federal Election Commission ("Commission" or "FEC") regulations by failing to report certain debts and obligations on its disclosure reports filed with the FEC. Complaint at 5. Count II alleges that RPM violated FECA and FEC regulations by failing to report certain unremitted staff advances as outstanding debts on its disclosure reports filed with the Commission. *Id.* Count III of the Complaint demands that the FEC conduct an audit and field investigation of RPM based on alleged substantial non-compliance with FECA. Complaint at 6 (citing 2 U.S.C. § 438(b)).

We respectfully request that the Commission take no action with respect to this matter at this time. RPM is proactively reviewing its accounting, bookkeeping, and reporting records for the period of time at issue. To assist it in this endeavor, RPM has retained an outside accounting and reporting firm that specializes in these areas, and RPM is currently in the process of reviewing all relevant information. RPM plans to file any and all amendments to its FEC disclosure reports simultaneously, and anticipates completing this process by December 2007. Given that RPM is taking

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comprehensive action on its own accord and in good faith, we respectfully request that the Commission hold this matter in abeyance until the review and amendment process has been completed

Respectfully submitted,

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Corinne A Falencki

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